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TAGS: EAID, ML

SUBJ: MALI LIVESTOCK PROJECT

FOR AID/ W SHERWOOD FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I AM CONCERNED WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO COMMENT ON OUR SUGGESTIONS MADE ON THE BASIC LIVESTOCK REPORT AND SENT TO YOU IN BAMA KO 843. THERE NO VISIBLE SIGN OUR VIEWS RECEIVED ANY CONSIDERATION BY AID/ W. FOR EXAMPLE, UPON READING TEXT OF REPORT FORWARDED TO US APRIL 27, I FIND THAT ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM, INSTEAD OF BEING DROPPED OR DOWN- GRADED AS WE SUGGESTED, HAS BEEN PUSHED UP TO A FAR HIGHER PRIORITY THAN IS ATTACHED TO IT BY GOM, US AND, IN FACT MEMBERS OF MISSION THEMSELVES. ALSO SURPRISED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION IN EXCESS OF 500,000 DOLLARS FROM FUNDING ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED. PERHAPS THERE IS EXPLANATION FOR LATTER BUT NO ONE HAS MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO CONSULT US FURTHER ON THIS OR ANY OTHER ASPECT THIS PROJECT TO WHICH WE AND GOM ATTACH HIGHEST IMPORTANCE.

2. HOWEVER, BY FAR THE PRINCIPAL CONCERN I HAVE, AS REFLECTED IN TALKS I HAD LAST WEEK WITH PRESIDENT TRAORE AND OTHERS, AND DISCUSSED IN MY SEPARATE MESSAGE TO AID, (BAMA KO 1389) IS PROSPECT OF PROGRAM WHICH ALREADY HAS BEEN 2-1/2 YEARS IN THE WORKS BEING DELAYED STILL FURTHER. MALI IS COUNTING VERY HEAVILY ON AN EARLY START TO THE PROGRAM. WE MUST DO SOMETHING TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS PROJECT SOONEST IN A POSITIVE WAY. WOULD WELCOME DEPT' S INTERVENTION AND ADVICE AS TO DIRECTION PROJECT IS HEADED.

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I BELIEVE AS MINIMUM, THIS EMBASSY SHOULD BE CONSULTED AND HAVE ITS VIEWS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED, FOR THERE ARE MANY NEW TECHNICAL ASPECTS ON WHICH AID TECHNICIANS ARE SIMPLY NOT INFORMED.

3. ALL THIS BEING SAID, WE ARE IN SOMETHING OF A TIME BIND. I DON' T SEE HOW AID CAN CONSULT US IN BAMAKO BEFORE I LEAVE, AND KUNIHOLM IS NEW TO MALI AND TO CATTLE BUSINESS. ONE WAY TO HANDLE SITUATION WOULD BE TO HOLD REVIEW IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER MY RETURN THERE MAY 24.

4. DECONTROL NOVEMBER 11, 1973.
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